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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 12/3/18****Cleveland Food Drive**

CLEVELAND, TN – The City of Cleveland is collecting food donations this holiday season to help victims of domestic violence. Donations will be collected from December 3rd through December 20th.

Lindsey Hawkins, Deputy Clerk in the City of Cleveland's Finance Department suggested the idea to collect non-perishable food items following a reverse advent calendar. "Christmas is the season of love, goodness and generosity. Why not give something every day instead of receiving something that I don't need," said Lindsey.

"I was thrilled when Lindsey mentioned this idea to me," said Cleveland Mayor Kevin Brooks. "I believe the generosity and commitment our residents have to help others in need exemplify why we are the 'City with Spirit'."

The city is collecting item such as: peanut butter, cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit, dessert mix, stuffing mix, chicken noodle soup, rice, pasta and other non-perishable items. A full list can be found at clevelandtn.gov/fooddrive.

All donations can be dropped off at any of the following locations:

1. Cleveland Municipal Building at 190 Church Street, Cleveland, TN 37311
2. Fire Station 1 at 555 South Ocoee Street, Cleveland, TN 37311
3. Fire Station 4 2850 Keith Street Cleveland, TN 37312
4. Public Works at 474 Second Street SE, Cleveland TN 37311

The donations collected will go to Harbor Safe House, a local program that provides shelter and resources to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

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Pictured: Cleveland Mayor Kevin Brooks and Lindsey Hawkins



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